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***JUDGE ALITO ON DAY 1:
RESPONSIVE, ARTICULATE, CANDID, THOROUGH***

During eight hours of testimony today, Judge Alito *answered more than 200 questions.*

Senator Specter: *"I think Judge Alito went farther than Chief Justice Roberts did."*

Senator Biden : *"I appreciate [Judge Alito] being responsive."*

Other Democrats have been impressed by Judge Alito:

Leahy: *"You strike me as a very cautious and careful person. And I say that with admiration, because a judge should be that."*

Biden: *"I don't think anybody thinks you are a man lacking in integrity. I don't think anybody thinks that you are a person who's not independent."*

Biden: *"The people I've spoken to on your court – and it's my circuit – have a very high regard for you. And I think you're a man of integrity."*

Durbin: *"I think it's been interesting. I think he's made a good presentation"*